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In re Application of

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE COMPRISING A HIGHLY-RELIABLE, CONSTANT

CAPACITANCE CAPACITOR (AS AMENDED)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application with respect to the present RCE, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the first line of the specification to read:

This application is a Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/095,612 filed June 11, 1998 now Patent No. 6,194,758.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 12 as follows. A clean copy of the claim is appended hereto.

12. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device including a memory cell region and a peripheral circuit region, comprising: